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## Grammar.

When I was a child of seven years old, my friends, on a holiday, filled my pocket with coppers. I went directly to a shop where they sold toys for children; and, being charmed with the sound of a whistle that I heard by the way in the hands of another boy, I voluntarily offered and gave all my money for one. I then came home and went whistling all over the house, much pleased with my whistle, but disturbing all the family. My brothers, and sisters, and cousins, understanding the bargain I had made, told me I had given four times as much for *it* as it was worth; put me in mind of what good things I might have bought with the rest of the money; and laughed at me so much for my folly, that I cried with vexation; and the reflection gave me more chagrin than the whistle gave me pleasure.—*Benjamin Franklin.*

1. What words in the story are modified by the following clauses respectively?

- (a) "When I was a child of seven years old."
- (b) "Where they sold toys for children."
- (c) "As it was worth."

2. How is this clause used:  
"What good things I might have bought"?

3. Find in the story (a) a noun in the nominative case, subject of a verb; (b) a noun in the nominative case, predicate nominative; (c) a noun in the objective case, object of a verb; (d) a noun in the objective case, object of a preposition.

4. Find three adverbial phrases in the story and tell what they modify.

5. (a) Find three participial phrases in the story, and tell what they modify. (b) Find a participle that governs an object.

6. What does "*it*" stand for in the sentence: "My brothers and sisters, \* \* \* \* worth, etc."?

7. Write (a) an original simple sentence; (b) an original complex sentence; and (c) an original compound sentence.

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1. What words in the story are modified by the following clauses respectively?

(a) "When I was a child of seven years old"; modifies the verb filled.

(b) "Where they sold toys for children." This clause modifies the verb went.

(c) "As it was worth." This clause modifies the adv. much and the verb had given.

2. How is this clause used?  
"What good things I might have bought"? This clause is used as a noun clause.

3. Kind in the story (a) a noun in the nominative case, subject of a verb; (b) a noun in the nominative case, predicate nominative; (c) a noun in the objective case, object of a verb; (d) a noun in the objective

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case, object of a preposition -  
friends is a noun in the nominative case subject to the verb filled  
Reflection is a noun in the nominative case, child is a noun in the predicate nominative; the noun jacket is a noun in the obj. case object of the verb filled, Coppers is a noun in the objective case object of the preposition with.

4. Find three adverbial phrases in the story and tell what they modify.

1st as much for it which modifies the adjective four.

2nd So much for my folly, which modifies the verb laughed.

3rd By the way in the hands of another boy. This phrase modifies the verb heard.

5. (a) Find three participial phrases

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in the story, and tell what they modify. (1) Kind a participle that governs an object.

(1) Whistling all over the house is a participial phrase which modifies the verb went.

(2) Being charmed with the sound of a whistle. This is a participial phrase which modifies the verb heard.

(3) Disturbing all the family.

This is a participial phrase which modifies the verb went.

The participle understand-  
ing which I can find governs the  
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6. What does "it" stand for in the sentence: "My brothers and sisters, \* \* \* worth, it?"

It which is a pronoun in the objective case stands for the noun whistle.

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7. Write (a) an original simple sentence; (b) an original complex sentence; (c) an original compound sentence.

The boys of the first class are preparing for college.

This is a simple sentence.

When Abraham Lincoln was a little boy, he studied by the light of the fire.

This is a complex sentence.

The Uitlanders in South Africa would not submit to the cruel treatment of the Boers; they asked England for help; and England at once sent an army under General Buller. This is a compound sentence.